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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS

of the

COUNTY OF BELKNAP

together with the

Reports of the
Superintendent of the County Home, Sheriff,
Chaplain, Clerk of the Court,
Superintendent of County Jail & House of Correction and
County Attorney

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COUNTY OFFICERS

Commissioners

Marion H. Atwood, Chairman	Sanbornton
Henry T. Spear	Gilford
Dean J. Dexter, Clerk	Laconia

Attorney

Peter Makris	Laconia

Treasurer

H. Max Wakeman, Jr.	Laconia

Sheriff

Donald C. Alden	Alton

Clerk of Superior Court

Robert P. Tilton	Laconia

Judge of Probate

Richard G. Tilton	Laconia

Register of Probate

Dorothea R. Conly	Laconia

Deputy Register of Probate

Estelle J. Bouchard	Laconia

Register of Deeds

Everette D. Wheeler	Laconia

Deputy Register of Deeds

Lora M. Dunleavy	Laconia

Administrative Assistant To The Commissioners

Gerald Mac Kissock	Belmont

Auditors

Gregory M. Dickinson	Gilford
Robert S. Hawkins	Belmont

Director of Welfare

Margaret P. Ball	Gilford

Deputy Sheriffs

Carol A. Cunningham	Gilford
Philip P. Daigneault	Barnstead
Gerald Dumont	Sanbornton
Robert F. Gilbert	Gilford
Francis Haley	Laconia
Linda M. Hickey	Laconia
Robert Hilton	Barnstead
Stephen G. Hodges	Meredith
Eleanor W. Merrill	Laconia
John H. Merrill	Laconia
Walter Newcomb	Meredith
Stephen H. Nedeau	Meredith
Carlton Perkins	Laconia
George A. Poire	Laconia
C. Eugene Rogers	Alton
Lou St. Cyr	Laconia
Donald Spear	Laconia
Edward Sullivan	Alton
Mark E. Thurston	Laconia
David D. Varney	Gilford

Superintendent of the County Home

Perley A. Beach, Supt.	Laconia

Superintendent — Jail and House of Correction

Thomas N. Myatt, Supt.	New Durham

Chaplains

Rev. William Zeckhausen	Laconia
Father George Chicoine	Laconia

Medical Referee

Norman G. B. McLetchie	Gilford

MEMBERS OF THE BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

1974-1975

District No. 1 (Center Harbor, New Hampton, Meredith)	Robert P. Ambrose Marshall French Robert M. Lawton
District No. 2 (Belmont & Gilford)	Wilson S. Mansfield Esther R. Nighswander Norman C. Marsh
District No. 3 (Sanbornton & Tilton)	Barbara B. Bowler Kenneth A. Randall
District No. 4 (Alton, Barnstead, Gilmanton)	George B. Roberts, Jr. Warren W. Leary
District No. 5 (Laconia - Ward 1)	Barbara Ann Kidder
District No. 6 (Laconia - Ward 2)	Maurice J. Goyette
District No. 7 (Laconia - Wards 3 and 4)	Richard P. Brouillard Peter C. Hildreth
District No. 8 (Laconia - Ward 5)	Neil C. Young Fritz T. Sabbow
District No. 9 (Laconia Ward 6)	James W. Murray Charles W. Beard

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

1974 - 1975

Marshall French, Chairman	Meredith
Norman C. Marsh	Gilford
Barbara B. Bowler	Tilton
George B. Roberts, Jr.	Gilmanton
Fritz T. Sabbow	Laconia
James W. Murray, Ex-Officio	Laconia
Peter C. Hildreth	Laconia
Richard P. Brouillard, Ex-Officio	Laconia

REPORT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The year of 1975 has brought many changes and added duties to your Commissioners in the administration of County affairs. This has required many hours devoted to the expanded role Counties are required to play in State and Federally funded programs. We have tried with the cooperation of staff and Convention, to fulfill these duties with the consideration of the needs of all the municipalities.

The Welfare load has increased in spite of the Director's successful program of sifting out ineligible participants. We have not included some items in the County Report but these will be on file in our office and can be seen by any interested citizen during regular office hours.

We include our report of Manpower Funds which are under the control of Belknap-Merrimack Corporation with the supervision of the State O.M.A.

We also append a record of Federal Grants from the Crime Commission. These helps are appreciated but have added to our over-all duties and have been very time-consuming, both in attending monthly meetings of the Corporation and in the amount of paper work required.

The major duty this year has been the construction of the new addition. This has had the usual set backs and the rising costs of many materials has increased the total needed to finish it. We are hopeful of finishing it within the Bond Issue and the Revenue Sharing Funds, authorized by the Convention. A dedication service will be held in May or as soon as finished to which all County residents will be invited.

We appreciate the continued fine performance of our staff during this trying period and as usual we thank our directors of the County Home and Jail and their staffs for their services. Without the helpful work of all, Belknap County could not continue to perform useful services to its towns and city.

Respectfully submitted

Marion H. Atwood, Chairman
Henry T. Spear
Dean J. Dexter, Clerk
BELKNAP COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION

The Belknap County Convention met at the State House, Room 107, on January 8, 1975, immediately after adjournment of the House of Representatives for organizational purposes.

Present were Reps. Murray, Leary, Marsh, Lawton, Mansfield, Beard, Goyette, Brouillard, Bowler, Kidder, Hildreth, Ambrose, Sabbow, French, Nighswander, Roberts and Young.

Rep. Roberts presided.

Rep. Nighswander was elected temporary clerk.

The convention proceeded with the election of officers. The following nominations were made for the office of chairman:

Rep. Marshall French
Rep. James Murray

Five ballots being cast for Rep. French, and twelve ballots for Rep. Murray, the latter was declared elected chairman.

The following nominations were made for the office of vice-chairman:

Rep. Bowler
Rep. Hildreth

Eight ballots being cast for Rep. Bowler, and nine ballots for Rep. Hildreth, the latter was declared elected vice-chairman.

Rep. Brouillard was nominated Clerk, and upon motion duly made and seconded the chairman cast one ballot for the unanimous election of Rep. Brouillard as Clerk.

The Chairman announced that he would appoint the Executive Committee within a short time, and asked the Representatives to indicate their choices for sub-committee assignments.

On motion by Rep. French, a standing vote of appreciation was given Rep. Roberts for his effective performances as Chairman of the Convention.

Rep. Brouillard called to the Convention's attention SB 22, relating to creation of a separate office of County Convention.

On motion by Rep. Sabbow, the Convention adjourned.

A Certified True Copy:

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

Respectfully submitted
Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

County Extension Rep. Warren W. Leary

On motion duly made it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the Belknap County Convention meeting held on January 15, 1975.

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION

The Belknap County Convention Met in Section 5 in the House Chamber on January 15, 1975 at 1:57 P.M.

Present were Representatives Murray, Ambrose, Kidder, Nighswander, Bowler, Brouillard, Beard, Mansfield, Marsh, Young, Lawton, Leary and Hildreth.

Chairman Murray called the meeting to order.

Chairman Murray submitted a list of proposed committee assignments.

On motion duly made by Rep. Marsh and seconded by Rep. Leary, it was unanimously voted that the persons named in the proposed committee

assignments be nominated for those positions, and that nominations close.

On motion duly made by Rep. Marsh and seconded by Rep. Beard, it was unanimously voted that the Secretary cast one ballot for the unanimous election of the following persons to the committees designated:

Executive Committee

Chairman	Marshall French
Vice Chairman	Norman C. Marsh
	George B. Roberts, Jr.
	Fritz T. Sabbow
	Barbara B. Bowler
	Neil Young

Gunstock Area

Chairman	Fritz T. Sabbow
Vice Chairman	Barbara A. Kidder
	Warren W. Leary
	Maurice J. Goyette
	Robert P. Ambrose

County Institutions

Chairman	Norman C. Marsh
Vice Chairman	Esther R. Nighswander
	Neil C. Young
	Robert M. Lawton
	Barbara B. Bowler

Court House Committee

Chairman	George B. Roberts, Jr.
Vice Chairman	Neil C. Young
	Charles W. Beard
	Wilson S. Mansfield
	Maurice J. Goyette

County Extension Rep. Warren W. Leary

On motion duly made it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 17, 1975

Members Present: Representatives Hildreth, Bowler, Murray, Brouillard, French, Sabbow and Marsh.

Commissioners Present: Atwood, Spear and Dexter.

Mr. Charles Evans explained draft of report on salaries and classification.

Mrs. Atwood explained that full delegation would have to vote to allow borrowing of money in anticipation of taxes and in anticipation of bonds for courthouse addition.

Richard P. Brouillard
Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

The Belknap County Delegation met in Room 314, at the State House, in Concord, New Hampshire, at 1:35 P.M, on January 23, 1975.

Present were Representatives Murray, Hildreth, Sabbow, Leary, Marsh, Goyette, Young, Lawton, Mansfield, French, Beard, Bowler, Randall, Roberts, and Brouillard.

Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Rep. Murray.

On motion duly made by Rep. French and seconded by Rep. Beard, it was unanimously voted as follows:

> The County Commissioners be, and they hereby are, authorized to borrow a sum or sums not to exceed $600,000.00 in anticipation of taxes, at such rates of interest and at such times, and upon such terms as they shall determine. Unanimous

On motion duly made by Rep. Bowler and seconded by Rep. French, it was voted as follows:

> I move that the County of Belknap issue temporary notes or bonds in an amount or amounts not to exceed $1,000,000.00 in accordance with RSA Chapter 33, in anticipation of the sale of bonds in the amount of $1,000,000.00 previously authorized, such temporary bonds or notes to be payable from the proceeds of the previously authorized bond issue. The temporary bonds or notes to

be at such rates as the Commissioners shall determine. Proceeds from such temporary loans to be used for the payment of preliminary expenses on the court house improvement project. Fourteen votes in favor. Rep. Brouillard abstained.

On motion duly made by Rep. French, seconded by Rep. Bowler it was voted as follows:

Statement of Richard P. Brouillard, Attorney at Law, dated November 25, 1974, for services as Court Appointed Prosecutor, as approved by Judge William W. Keller in the amount of $375.00, be approved and the same paid by the county. Fourteen votes in favor. Rep. Brouillard abstained.

On motion duly made by Rep. Bowler, seconded by Rep. Randall, it was unanimously voted as follows:

The minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee of the Delegation be prepared for all members of the delegation.

On motion duly made by Rep. Beard, seconded by Rep. Leary, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

A Certified True Copy. Richard P. Brouillard

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

Minutes of February 13, 1975, meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 P.M., February 13, 1975, by the Chairman, James Murray.

Present were Representatives Ambrose, French, Leary, Roberts, Bowler, Randall, Mansfield, Marsh, Nighswander, Goyette, Brouillard, Hildreth, Sabbow, Young, Beard, Murray.

Mr. Charles Evans was recognized to explain the personnel study that his company conducted for the county and answered questions.

Representative Marsh moved, seconded by Representative Roberts, that the proposed classification and compensation plans as prepared by Charles M. Evans and Associates be accepted and that the report be laid on the table pending recommendation by the Executive Committee.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Richard Dudley and Mr. Walsh were recognized and spoke briefly on the courthouse addition.

Mrs. Atwood was recognized and spoke on the courthouse addition and briefly on the budget.

Representative Marshall French announced that the Executive Committee would meet at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, February 17, at the courthouse.

Representative Bowler moved that a subcommittee on the Sheriff's Department be established. Seconded by Representative Hildreth. After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M. on motion by Rep. Roberts, seconded by Rep. Goyette.

Richard P. Brouillard
Clerk

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE MEETING

February 17, 1975

Meeting was called to order at 2:20 P.M.

Members present: Hildreth, Bowler, French, Murray, Sabbow, Marsh, Leary, Brouillard.

Perley Beach was recognized to explain County Home Budget.

Chairman French reviewed County Jail Budget.

Sheriff Department Budget not reviewed because of inability of Sheriff to attend.

Richard P. Brouillard
Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

County Court House, Laconia — 7:30 P.M.
February 28, 1975

Present: Representatives French, Sabbow, Leary, Brouillard, Bowler, Marsh, Hildreth, Murray
Commissioners Atwood, Spear, Dexter

Also Present: County Attorney Makris, Register of Deeds Wheeler, Deputy Sheriff Daigneault, Attorney Huot, Jailer Myatt.

The following budgets reviewed by persons indicated:

(1) Registry of Deeds by Register Wheeler
(2) Sheriff's Department by Deputy Sheriff Daigneault
(3) Jail and House of Correction by Superintendent Myatt
(4) County Attorney by Attorney Makris
(5) Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid by Attorney Huot
(6) Superior Court by Attorney Tilton

Respectfully submitted

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION
April 21, 1975

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing on House Bill No. 326 relative to the election of Belknap County Commissioners, was held at the Belknap County House on April 21, 1975 at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Representatives Murray, Young, French, Sabbow, Beard, Brouillard, Leary, Kidder, Bowler, Hildreth, Ambrose, Goyette, Marsh and Roberts.

Rep. Murray, sponsor of the bill, explained the provisions of the bill. Speaking in favor of the bill was Richard Sargent.

Speaking against the bill were Commissioners Atwood and Dexter, Rep. Roberts, Messrs. Edwin Chertok, Gerard McKissock and George Locke. Attorney John P. Chandler spoke in favor of the representative feature of the bill, but cautioned that apportionment would be required.

It was agreed that the delegation would meet in executive session at the State House, Room 314, on April 24, 1975 to take action on the bill.

The public hearing was adjourned at 10:02 P.M.

Richard P. Brouillard,
Clerk

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BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION
Executive Session

Executive session was held on April 24, 1975, Room 314, on House Bill 326. Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Reps. Murray, French, Brouillard, Ambrose, Marsh, Bowler, Beard, Roberts, Hildreth, Young, Leary, Mansfield, Goyette and Randall.

Motion: Rep. Hildreth moved HB 314 ought to pass. Rep. Marsh seconded motion.

Discussion by Reps. Murray, Hildreth and Roberts.

Rep. French moved the previous question. Rep. Brouillard, seconded the motion.

Roll call on motion for previous question: Voting in the affirmative: Reps. Murray, French, Brouillard, Ambrose, Marsh, Bowler, Beard, Roberts, Young, Leary, Mansfield, Goyette and Randall. Voting in the negative: Rep. Hildreth.

Roll call on motion that HB 314 ought to pass, voting in the affirmative: Reps. Murray, Marsh, Young, Hildreth and Goyette. Voting in the negative: Reps. French, Brouillard, Ambrose, Bowler, Beard, Roberts, Randall, Mansfield and Leary.

Rep. Roberts then moved that HB 314 be reported as inexpedient to legislate. Rep. Bowler seconded the motion.

Rep. Brouillard moved the previous question, seconded by Rep.

Bowler. Roll call on motion that HB 314 be reported as inexpedient to legislate, voting in the affirmative: Reps. French, Brouillard, Ambrose, Marsh, Bowler, Beard, Randall, Mansfield and Leary. Voting in the negative: Reps. Murray, Young, Hildreth and Goyette.

No other business appearing, it was voted to adjourn at 6:20 P.M.

Richard P. Brouillard
Clerk

A Certified True Copy Richard P. Brouillard

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Executive Committee Meeting
May 12, 1975, 7:30 P.M.

Present: Reps. French, Hildreth, Roberts, Sabbow, Brouillard and Leary.

Commissioners present: Spear and Dexter.

Chairman French presided.

Proposed 1975 County budget was discussed at length, and certain changes in revenue estimates and appropriations were recommended as shown on report of Executive Committee submitted herewith.

On motion duly made by Rep. Roberts and seconded by Rep. Hildreth, it was unanimously voted to adopt the Evans report (A Plan) as to all County employees, except for the administrative assistant to the County Commissioners, and that appropriations for all departments for salaries be adjusted accordingly.

On motion duly made by Rep. Roberts, and seconded by Rep. Hildreth, it was unanimously voted that the salary schedules set forth in the Evans report be implemented effective July 1, 1975, and that job descriptions in the Evans report not be limited to other duties assigned to them incidental to their positions.

On motion duly made by Rep. Roberts and seconded by Rep. Hildreth, it was voted that federal revenue sharing funds be expended for land acquisition, demolition, legal expenses for acquisition and unanticipated construction expenses in connection with the court house expansion project. Rep. Brouillard abstained.

On motion duly made by Rep. Roberts, and seconded by Rep. Hildreth, it was unanimously voted that the previous recommendations of

the Executive Committee at meeting of March 13, 1975 relative to the budget as submitted by the County Commissioners, including the recommendation relative to motor vehicles for the Sheriff's Department be rescinded.

On motion duly made by Rep. Roberts and seconded by Rep. Sabbow, it was unanimously voted that the airport appropriation be footnoted by the condition that the same is not to be used for payment of salaries.

On motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that an appropriation of $16,000.00 be made for the meals on wheels program, and that said appropriation be footnoted by the condition that the operators of the program report to the County Commissioners in writing quarterly as to the number of meals served to Belknap County residents and location where such meals were served.

The commissioners withdrew their request for an appropriation from revenue sharing funds for a Burroughs Series L Budgetary Accounting system.

It was agreed that the delegation should meet on May 20, 1975 at the State House following adjournment of the Legislature to take action on the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

A Certified True Copy: Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
May 22, 1975

Meeting of Delegation, May 22, 1975, Room 314, State House, following adjournment.

Present: Reps. Murray, Roberts, Hildreth, French, Brouillard, Ambrose, Nighswander, Young, Bowler, Randall, Mansfield, Beard, Leary, Goyette and Marsh.

Motion by Rep. Marsh to recess to Monday, May 26, 1975 at 8:00 P.M. at County Court House. Seconded by Rep. Hildreth.

Rep. Roberts spoke against the motion. Reps. Marsh and Hildreth spoke in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

A Certified True Copy Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
May 26, 1975

Recessed Meeting

Present: Reps. Murray, Hildreth, French, Sabbow, Beard, Brouillard, Mansfield, Randall, Nighswander, Bowler, Marsh, Young, Kidder, Roberts.

Chairman Murray presided.

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting of May 12, 1975 read and accepted.

Rep. Marsh moved that the Institutional Welfare budget be reduced by $7,000.00. Motion seconded by Rep. Hildreth. Roll Call: Yeas: Kidder, Young, Marsh. Nays: Hildreth, French, Sabbow, Beard, Brouillard, Ambrose, Mansfield, Randall, Nighswander, Bowler. Motion failed.

Motion by Rep. Marsh that county jail budgets be reduced by $13,732.00. Seconded by Rep. Young. (Deductions $12,018.00 for wages; $1,000.00 food cost to employees; $714.00 for payroll tax.) Yeas: Marsh. Nays: Bowler, Nighswander, Randall, Mansfield, Ambrose, Roberts, Kidder, Brouillard, Beard, Sabbow, French, Hildreth. Motion failed.

Motion by Rep. Marsh that the appropriations for Meals on Wheels Program of $16,000.00 be eliminated. Yeas: Kidder, Marsh, Nays: Hildreth, French, Sabbow, Beard, Brouillard, Roberts, Young, Ambrose, Mansfield, Randall, Nighswander, Bowler. Motion failed.

Motion by Rep. Roberts, seconded by Rep. Beard to go into Executive Session. Majority in favor.

Commissioner Spear appeared and asked that his name be striken from letter addressed to the Delegation by Commissioner Atwood.

Motion by Rep. Brouillard to accept budget as recommended by Executive Committee with estimated revenue of $711,489.00 and expenditures of $2,055,545.00 with footnotes as set forth in report, and with implementation of salary levels set forth in Evans report effective July 1, 1975, except as to administrative assistant to County Commissioners. Seconded by Rep. Roberts.

Motion by Rep. Marsh moved to eliminate meals on wheels appropriations, seconded by Rep. Kidder. Yeas: Kidder, Marsh. Nays: Hildreth, French, Sabbow, Beard, Brouillard, Roberts, Young, Ambrose, Mansfield, Randall, Nighswander, Bowler.

Motion by Rep. Marsh that appropriation for Sheriff's Department, general expense, be reduced by $7,000.00, seconded by Rep. Young. Yeas: Marsh, Bowler, Randall, Mansfield, Young, Kidder, Hildreth. Nays:

Nighswander, Ambrose, Roberts, Brouillard, Beard, Sabbow, (French, Rule No. 16). Motion carried.

Motion by Rep. Hildreth that Sheriff's Department Budget general expense be footnoted with condition that appropriation not be expended for acquisition of more than one cruiser. Rep. Randall seconded the motion. Yeas: Marsh, Bowler, Randall, Young, Kidder, Hildreth. Nays: Nighswander, Mansfield, Ambrose, Roberts, Brouillard, Beard, Sabbow, French. Motion failed.

Rep. Bowler moved to increase Extension Service Budget by $4,585.00. Rep. Mansfield seconded the motion. Yeas: Bowler, Randall, Mansfield, Brouillard, Sabbow, Hildreth. Nays: Marsh, Nighswander, Ambrose, Young, Roberts, Kidder, Beard, French. Motion failed.

Rep. Roberts moved that Belknap County share of extension service rental not exceed 1/3 of total rental or $2,925.00, whichever is less, and that entire county appropriation of $42,236.00 to extension service not exceed 1/3 ot the combined federal and state appropriation or grant to the county extension service, and that the extension service report their entire appropriations to the County Delegation as of July 1, 1975, and quarterly thereafter. Rep. Young seconded. Motion carried. (Brouillard and Bowler opposed) (Mansfield later recorded as opposed.)

Rep. Hildredth made amendment to Rep. Brouillard's motion to add $1,400.00 to Lakes Region Dispatch Center bringing up total to $79,200.00. Seconded by Marsh - withdrawn.

Motion for question, duly seconded on Rep. Brouillard's motion to accept budget subject to recalculation by Belknap County Commissioners Administrative Assistant. Motion carried.

Rep. Roberts recommended commissioners should advertise vacancy in position of administrative assistant and interview candidates.

Motion to adjourn 11:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

A Certified True Copy. Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION
July 1, 1975, 7:30 P.M.

Meeting scheduled for June 26, 1975 postponed to July 1, 1975.

Present: Reps. Murray, French, Hildreth, Sabbow, Bowler, Nighswander, Brouillard, Beard, Ambrose, Mansfield, Randall and Young.

Speakers: Mr. Bailey, Mrs. Huston and Dr. Heckel all of County Extension Service.

Over-all Extension Service budget:

State Funds	12,464.00
Federal Funds	20,444.00
County Funds	48,085.00
Total Budget	80,993.00

Federal and State funds only go into salaries of agents.
No federal funds offset for rental space. Review of 6 offices that were originally in federal building.

Mrs. Huston supplied following rental figures:

Carroll (privately owned) 3,036.00 without heat; electricity, janitor.
Cheshire (federal building, less area) 5,252.00
Grafton x
Hillsborough (privately owned building) 14,912.00
Sullivan (city owned building) 1,400.00

Original rental for Belknap County was $13,000.00 and was reduced to $8,778.00 because of change of category to rural for Belknap County.

Rental charge includes electricity, heat, janitor, parking and snow removal - has 1,704 square feet office space, 182 square feet storage, 883 square feet for others including hall, etc.

Total breakdown of Extension County Budget per chart:

Federal	25.2 percent (whole amount goes to salaries)
State	15.2 percent (whole amount goes to salaries)
County	59.4 percent (equivalent of $48,085 budget)

Breakdown of agent salaries paid, per chart:

41.9 percent federal funds
25.5 percent state
32.6 percent county

Salary range increase 6 percent to 7 percent.

Total Extension Service Budget is made up of county share of $39,562.00 plus federal and state share of agents salaries - no duplication of other expense items. Only county funds used for clerical salaries.

Comparable rentals for local facilities:

Present facilities $3.02 per square ft.
Old Mill possible $3.50 per square ft. without janitor
Bonnett, Page & Stone, Church St. $5.50 sq. ft.
Bonnett, Page & Stone, No. Main St., $4.00-$4.50 sq. ft.
Stafford, Laconia Mall, $6.00 per sq. ft.
Stafford, Tavern $4.00 sq. ft. plus (not enough space)
Winston Building ($4.50 per sq. ft. downstairs
($5.50 per sq. ft. upstairs
Buying Billard Parlor $52,000.00
Oscar George $48,000.00
Stinson - 1,500 sq. ft. (less than present area) $3.75 per sq. ft.
without janitor, limited parking for 10 cars.

Only possible cut in expenses would be in clerical help.

Motion made by Rep. Hildreth, seconded by Rep. French that delegation expenses of former Rep. Huot in the amount of $32.00 be paid.

Rep. Bowler moved as follows: I move that the Belknap County Convention hold a public hearing to be followed by a meeting of the Convention to take further action on the appropriation for the County Extension Service in the 1975 budget, said hearing and meeting to be held as soon as legal requirements of notice can be complied with. Seconded by Rep. Sabbow. Rep. Hildreth moved to amend motion to include Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association. Rep. Hildreth moved the question, seconded by Rep. Brouillard. Motion carried. Roll call on Rep. Bowler's motion: Yeas: Hildreth, French, Sabbow, Bowler, Nighswander, Brouillard, Beard, Ambrose, Mansfield and Randall. Nays: Young. Motion carried.

Motion by Rep. Young, seconded by Rep. Hildreth to adjourn.

It was greed that hearing and meeting to be held on July 15, 1975.

Adjourned 10:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

A Certified True Copy: Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION

July 21, 1975

Public Hearing — convened 7:10 P.M.

Present: Reps. Hildreth, presiding, Randall, Nighswander, Bowler, Brouillard, Mansfield, Sabbow, Beard, Ambrose, Young and Kidder.

Relative to Belknap County Extension Service and Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid.

Speakers: Mrs. Marianne Huston explained certain figures.

ROBERT STINSON — Has usable 1,590 sq. ft. at $475.00 per month, with heat, without janitor services — he feels can accommodate 10 cars on off-street parking, plus on-street parking.

CEDILY QUIMBY — Stinson space about 1000 sq. ft. less than present quarters, and that is not sufficient. They have more parking presently. They are presently paying less than $4.75 sq. ft. on a square foot basis — Stinson's total rental is less because area rented is less.

RICHARD SARGENT — he opposes increases for extension service and mutual fire aid association.

DAVID O. HUOT, ESQ. — If anticipated surplus available, past Delegations made appropriations without reopening budget. Fire aid expenditures for renovations. Negotiating with federal agencies for data retrival computer. If this received would need additional expenditures for wiring, training, etc. which is not in budget. Needs $2,000.00 additional for renovations and computer-related expenses, and also $2,000.00 for capital reserve fund.

Letter from Commissioner Dexter read.

Public hearing adjourned 8:17 P.M.

Meeting of Delegation called to order 8:19 P.M.

Same members of delegation present.

Motion by Rep. Bowler to rescind vote taken at meeting of May 26, 1975 that Belknap County share of extension service rental not exceed 1/3 of total rental or $2,925.00 whichever is less, and that the entire county appropriation of $42,236.00 to extension service not exceed 1/3 of the combined federal and state appropriations, and also to rescind vote relative to reports due July 1, 1975 and quarterly thereafter. Seconded by Rep. Sabbow.

Speaking in favor: Reps. Young, Beard — Vote: Motion carried. (All

in favor, except Rep. Kidder).

Motion by Rep. Bowler that the 1975 appropriation for the Belknap County Co-operative Extension Service be increased so that the total amount appropriated shall be $48,085.00 as originally recommended by the County Commissioners. (Increased from $42,236. to $48,085. or by a net of $5,849.). Seconded by Rep. Mansfield, Rep. Nighswander moves to amend the motion to footnote the appropriation to provide that the same shall be reduced by an amount equal to any further reduction in the amount of rental granted by GSA. Accepted by Reps. Bowler and Mansfield. Motion carried. (Rep. Kidder, Nay).

Rep. Sabbow moved that the 1975 appropriation for the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association be increased by $2,000.00 to $79,100.00.

Rep. Brouillard in chair in place of Rep. Hildreth.

Rep. Hildreth seconded.

Speaking in favor Rep. Hildreth. Opposed Rep. Brouillard as to capital reserve fund.

Rep. Randall moved to provide that $2,000.00 additional appropriation to be restricted to expenses related to acquisition and installation of a data retrival computer.

Amendment accepted by Reps. Sabbow and Hildreth.

Motion carried. (Rep. Brouillard, Nay.)

Rep. Bowler moved to adjourn. Rep. Sabbow seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourned 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

A Certified True Copy: Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION
Executive Committee Meeting
August 1, 1975, 10:00 A.M.

Present: Reps. French, (presiding), Bowler, Roberts, Murray, Brouillard, Commissioners Atwood, Spear and Dexter.

Discussion of bids for replacement of roof for laundry room.

Bids received:

Therrien	$2,030.
Rodd	2,892.
Rodd reduced to	2,792.

Commissioners accepted Rodd bid of $2,792.

Motion by Rep. Roberts, seconded by Rep. Murray that the anticipated revenue for county home increased by $60,000.00 to $596,019.00 because welfare rates have been increased over those anticipated at time budget adopted. Motion carried.

Discussion as to whether Sheriff's Department will continue to provide police protection to Town of Gilmanton. This matter to be taken up later in the year and prior to January 1, 1976.

Discussion as to rental situation of Extension Service. This matter to be looked into later in the year and prior to January 1, 1976.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

A Certified True Copy: Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Belknap County Court House - Laconia, N. H.
September 3, 1975

Present: Reps. Murray, Mansfield, Nighswander, Marsh, Randall, Hildreth, Bowler, Brouillard, Sabbow, Young, French and Commissioners Atwood and Spear.

Chairman Murray presided.

Meeting held pursuant to request of Belknap County Commissioners dated August 22, 1975.

Commissioner Atwood reported that $190,000.00 presently on hand in federal sharing fund account and same is needed to complete court house project. This was contemplated when one million dollar bond issue was voted by Delegation.

Moved by Rep. Hildreth and seconded by Rep. Sabbow as follows:

That the County Commissioners be, and the same hereby are, authorized to proceed with the renovation and refurbishing of the court house, and to acquire furniture, equipment and fixtures necessary for the same as well as for the additions to said court house presently under construction; and all amounts expended by the County Commissioners pursuant to this resolution shall be a charge against the Revenue Sharing Fund established pursuant to the State and Local Assistance act of 1972.

Discussion as to whether proposed motion is to include same items as Rep. Roberts' motion at Executive Committee meeting of May 12, 1975.

Motion by Rep. Hildreth, seconded by Rep. Young, to table.

Rep. Hildreth amended his motion to table to time certain, i.e. Friday, Sept. 5, 1975.

Chairman declared a recess.

Rep. Hildreth withdrew his previous motion and amendment. Rep. Young consented.

Rep. Hildreth moved to recess meeting to Tuesday, September 9, 1975 at 7:30 P.M.

Discussion on motion.

Commissioner Atwood reported federal revenue sharing funds at least $190,000.00, and perhaps as much as $200,000.00, and $33,000.00 more expected in October, 1975. Architect has submitted tentative budget for unanticipated additional electrical costs. Vote in favor, French, Mansfield, Marsh, Nighswander, Bowler, Randall, Hildreth, Sabbow, Young and Brouillard.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

A Certified True Copy: Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Recessed Meeting, September 9, 1975
Belknap County Court House, Laconia, N. H.

Present: Reps. Murray, Randall, Sabbow, Beard, Mansfield, Young, Brouillard, Nighswander, French, Roberts, Hildreth, Bowler, Marsh.

Chairman Murray Presided.

Commissioners Spear and Dexter present.

Commissioner Spear reported that $99,661.00 in federal revenue sharing funds must be expended by January 1, 1976. Total federal revenue funds now available total $223,523.04. Discussion as to whether funds must be expended or committed by expiration date.

Mr. Richard Dudley reported following cost to complete court house project.

(a) Roofing repairs to old building and registries building. Bids are out and due September 10. Old building has asphalt shingles, so he expects reroofing can be done without removing present shingles. Since bids expected tomorrow, Mr. Dudley decided not to state his estimate publicly, so as not to influence expected bids.

(b) Furnishings estimated at $75,000.00. Carpeting estimated at $18,500.00 and drapes estimated at $5,300.00. Carpeting and drapes are not planned for all windows and floors, except that in new building carpeting part of flooring as floors are concrete. These are estimated amounts based on state pricing structures. Specification drawn in September or October and purchases in November.

Mr. Dudley discussed need for contingency fund. Normally allow 10 percent of construction costs. He feels a contingency fund should be set up and at such amount as delegation sees fit.

Expenditures of $4,000.00 over contract costs because of fire requirements, also $3,000.00 in relocating Sheriff's Department. He recommends $10,000.00 to $15,000.00 - not including roofing, as contingency fund. Contract cost is now $998,000.00.

Rep. Roberts moved Delegation convene in executive session. Rep. Beard seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Mr. Dudley estimated roofing cost for old building $10,000.00 and registry building $10,000.00. Commissioner Spear stated bids out. Mr. Dudley stated county had right to bring in other contractors for roofing other than Bonnette, Page & Stone.

Rep. Roberts moved executive session terminate. Rep. Hildreth seconded. Motion carried.

Open meeting resumed.

Rep. Roberts moved that the Delegation authorize Belknap County Commissioners to expend up to $140,000.00 for purposes of draperies, carpeting, furnishings, interior decorations, roofing project as specified, contingencies and other unanticipated expenses from federal revenue sharing funds. Seconded by Rep. Hildreth. Motion carried. (Rep. Marsh in negative and Rep. Brouillard abstained).

Rep. Hildreth proposed that Executive Committee screen candidates for appointment to recreational area commission. Rep. Roberts proposed that advertisement be published within a week (as done last year) asking for submission of resumes to Delegation Clerk by October 6, 1975 and asking former candidates to resubmit resumes and interviews will begin October 20, 1975.

Rep. French announced that all departments will be notified after October 1, 1975 that all proposed budgets must be submitted by December 1, 1975.

It was duly moved to adjourn. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

A Certified True Copy: Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION

A meeting of the Belknap County Convention was held on November 3, 1975 at 7:30 P.M., at the Belknap County Court House, Laconia, New Hampshire.

Present: Reps. Murray, Ambrose, Lawton, Mansfield, Marsh, Bowler, Randall, Leary, Roberts, Hildreth, Sabbow, Beard, Brouillard and Young.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Rep. Murray.

The Delegation interviewed 14 candidates for appointment to the Gunstock Recreational Area Commission, namely, Robert H. Chauvin, Shirley Snow Coyne, Charles H. Crawford, Wilburn Francis, John E. Grant, George F. Hurt, James W. Keller, Richard Lambert, Thomas C. Mooney, Jr., Alvin E. Nix, Thomas A. Poulin, Paul W. Rich, Bernard L. Smith and Michael Workman.

The Delegation then agreed to discuss as the nominees, the three candidates who obtained the highest number of votes cast by the members of the Delegation, each of whom was to vote for five potential candidates. As a result of such procedure, Charles H. Crawford, Geroge Hurt, and Richard Lambert were nominated as candidates. Written ballots were cast, with Charles H. Crawford receiving 7 votes, George Hurt 5 votes and Richard Lambert 1 vote. Charles Crawford was declared elected for a term of five years.

Rep. Roberts moved that the Delegation ratify the actions of the Belknap County Commissioners borrowing the sum of $400,000.00 in anticipation of taxes, and authorized the borrowing of an additional $200,000.00 also to be in anticipation of taxes. Motion was seconded by Rep. Sabbow. Motion carried.

Rep. Randall moved that the Delegation authorize the expenditure of $65,000.00 from revenue sharing funds in connection with completion of the court house expansion program, said expenses to include without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the balance owed on the general contract, architect's fees, contingency fund, roofing project, carpeting, draperies, furnishings, interior decorations, and other unanticipated expenses. Motion seconded by Rep. Bowler. Motion carried. Rep. Marsh opposed. Rep. Brouillard abstained.

Rep. Murray suggested that the Belknap County Co-Operative Service be notified of the possible availability for rental of former Laconia school buildings and also the former Belknap-Sulloway Mills. Moved by Rep. Hildreth and seconded by Rep. Randall that such letter be sent, and the Co-Operative Extension Service be asked to report the results of their efforts to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Rep. Roberts moved that a letter be sent to the Center For Human Resources, forwarding a copy of the Delegation vote at the time of approval of the appropriation for the meals on wheels program, and asking that they file quarterly reports with the Belknap County Commissioners within 15 days, otherwise, the Delegation will take action to re-open the budget to rescind the appropriation. Motion seconded by Rep. Hildreth. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Rep. Hildreth moved that the meeting be recessed at the call of the Chairman following expiration of the 15 day period of notice to the Center For Human Resources. Motion seconded by Rep. Leary. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 11:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

A True Copy, Attest: Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
Executive Committee
Meeting November 24, 1975

Executive Committee met at the Belknap County Court House, Laconia, N. H. at 7:30 P.M.

Present were: Representatives French, Murray, Leary, Brouillard and Sabbow.

Representative French presided.

Commissioners Atwood, Spear and Dexter were present.

Executive Committee met with Sheriff Alden, Register Conly, Register Wheeler, Attorney Tilton, Attorney Makris and Mr. Beach and reviewed the preliminary budget estimates of their respective departments.

Recipt of report of Center for Human Resources for first and second quarter was noted and discussed.

Commissioner Atwood reported to Dana Beane, C.P.A., recommended hiring of cashier to handle receipts separate from payments by the Commissioner's Administrative Assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Brouillard, Clerk

BELKNAP COUNTY GENERAL FUND
December 31, 1975

	Actual Year To Date	Actual Budget For 1975
Revenue - Taxes and Temporary Loans		
Taxes	$1,307,498	$1,307,498
Revenue - Other		
Office Rent	240	720
Miscellaneous Income	1,864	2,000
Fees - Clerk of Court	44,447	45,000
Fees - Register of Deeds	61,576	61,000
Fees - Sheriff	21,936	17,000
Mutual Fire Aid- Towns Outside Cty.	21,319	24,000
Sheriffs Patrol - Gilmanton	18,150	18,150
Bond Issue	1,004,988	
Interest Certificate of Deposit	22,811	
Old Age Assistance	7,203	
Direct Relief	964	
Insurance Refunds	360	
Non - Payroll Items		6,000
Grants - Cadets	1,904	1,600
Total - Other Revenue	$1,207,762	$ 175,470
Total - All Revenue	$2,515,260	$1,482,968
Expenditures		
General Government		
Salaries - Commissioners	$ 13,000	$ 13,000
Salary - Admin. Assistant	11,528	12,584
Accounting Service	159	159
Officers Expense	5,000	6,500
Travel - Commissioners	1,340	1,500
Auditors Salary	400	400
County Attorneys Salary	11,650	11,650
Office Expense - County Attorney	5,952	5,185
Register of Probate	2,714	3,082
Medical Referees & Autopsies	2,493	4,500
Office Supplies - Adm. Asst.	3,131	1,800
Treasurers Salary	1,125	1,500
County Attorney's Sec.-Salary	6,415	6,415
Total General Government	$ 64,907	$ 68,275
Court House		
Wages Custodians	$ 11,690	$ 11,535
Supplies & Repairs	2,442	4,000

Peter Vantel and Ferdinand Samson
Ringing County Court House Bell

County Court House Bell, Rung at the Beginning of
Every New Term of Belknap County Superior Court

Utilities & Fuel	14,219	10,000
Miscellaneous	2,170	500
Equipment & Improvements		500
Court House Insurance	4,080	2,500
Total Court House	$ 34,601	$ 29,035
Register of Deeds		
Salaries - Register & Deputies	$ 35,458	$ 37,047
Xerox Rental & Supplies	4,498	3,000
Microfilming	105	920
General Expense	16,829	18,256
Total Register of Deeds	$ 56,890	$ 59,223
Sheriff's Department		
Salaries - Sheriff & Deputies	$ 128,370	$ 145,701
Salaries - Dispatch Center	36,689	30,090
General Expense	45,630	42,000
Return of Prisoners	126	2,500
Total Sheriff's Department	$ 210,815	$ 220,291
Superior Court		
Jury Payrolls	$ 32,199	$ 35,000
State Vs. Payrolls	6,588	3,000
Referees and Masters	11,723	5,000
Stenographers Fees	28,708	25,000
Court Attendants	10,700	17,095
Books & Printings	3,525	3,000
Jury Meals	1,172	2,000
Clerk of Court	82,177	72,040
Total Superior Court	$ 176,792	$ 162,135
General Welfare		
Salary - Director	$ 6,824	$ 6,759
Direct Relief	32,195	80,000
Old Age Assistance	74,504	72,000
Soldiers Aid	11,616	12,000
Care of Children	18,603	28,000
Office Supplies	1,415	750
Equipment		650
Total General Welfare	$ 145,193	$ 200,159

Institutional Welfare			
County Home	-Gross	$	$ 794,585
Jail & House of Correction	-Gross		201,149
			$ 995,734
Less - County Home & Jail Revenue			596,019
Total - Institutional Welfare-Net		$ 323,400	$ 399,715
Miscellaneous Budgets			
Extension Service		$ 48,085	$ 48,085
Capital Outlay		814,204	2,500
Delegation Expense		6,224	5,150
Lakes Region Fire Dispatch		79,100	79,100
Lakes Region Mental Health		35,400	35,400
Non-Payroll Items			6,000
Soc.Sec.,Blue Cross-County Share		27,173	25,000
New Hampshire Retirement Systems		4,887	4,000
Soil Conservation Service		1,500	1,500
Airport Authority		15,000	15,000
Total Miscellaneous Budgets		$1,031,573	$ 221,735
Budgeted Debt			
Interest - Temporary Loans		$ 22,563	$ 33,000
Interest - Long Term Notes		8,400	8,400
Interest - Temp. Loans Bond Issue		5,384	
Interest - Bond Issue		4,160	25,000
Principal - Term Notes		25,000	25,000
Principal - Bond Issue		15,000	15,000
Total Budgeted Debt		$ 80,507	$ 106,400
Other Budgets			
Additions to Court House		$ 72,166	
Total - All Expenditures		$2,196,844	$1,466,968
Net Income-As at Dec. 31, 1975		$ 318,416	
Less - Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1975			$ 61,378
Net Expenditures			$1,405,590

COUNTY OF BELKNAP
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1975

Current Assets	
Cash - Checking Account	$ 14,763.55
Cash - Revenue Sharing	254,210.46
Cash - Capital Fund	14,036.62
Cash - Building Fund	135,584.90
Cash - Savings Account	223,098.96
Total Current Assets	$ 641,694.49
Fixed Assets	
Buildings (Balance of New Wing at County Home and additions to Jail and House of Correction offset by Notes and Bonds Outstanding)	290,000.00
Total Assets	$ 931,694.49
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	$ 6,880.64
Accrued S.S. Taxes Employees	2,556.07
Accrued W.H. Taxes	(14.79)
Accrued Series E. Bonds	35.00
Accrued Retirement Systems	1,467.91
Accrued Bank Loan	41.49
Accrued Blue Cross	721.92
Accrued S. S. Tax - Employer	220.36
Total Current Liabilities	$ 11,908.60
Notes Payable - Addition To Jail	175,000.00
Bonds Payable - New Wing Hospital	115,000.00
Total Liabilities	$ 301,908.60
Surplus - January 1, 1975	$ 180,782.92
Add - Revenue Sharing Funds	130,585.00
Add - Net Income for the 12 M-E 12-31-75	318,417.97
Surplus - December 31, 1975	$ 629,785.89
Total Liabilities & Surplus	$ 931,694.49

COUNTY OF BELKNAP
STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
December 31, 1975

BELKNAP COUNTY BUILDING FUND

Total Issued: $280,000.00
(No. 1 to 280 for $1,000.00 each)
Interest Rate: 320 percent
Date of Issue: November 1, 1964

PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

November 1, 1965 to 1980 - $15,000.00
November 1, 1981 to 1984 - $10,000.00

Balance of Principal due on Bonds 1-1-75	$130,000.00
Amount Paid on Bonds 1975	15,000.00
Balance of Principal due on Bonds 1-1-75	$115,000.00

Principal and Interest Payments to be made
to the National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.

COUNTY OF BELKNAP
STATEMENT OF NOTE DEBT
December 31, 1975

BELKNAP COUNTY JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION
BUILDING FUND

Total Issued: $234,950.00
Notes No. 1 For $9,950.00
Notes No. 2 - No. 10 For $25,000.00 each
Interest Rate 3.80 percent
Date of Issue: September 1, 1972
Principal Payments as Follows:

September 1, 1973	$ 9,950.00
September 1, 1974 to 1982	25,000.00

Balance of Principal Due on Notes 1-1-75	$200,000.00
Amount Paid on Notes - 1975	25,000.00
Balance of Principal Due on Notes 1-1-76	$175,000.00

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Description:	
Land and Buildings:	
(a) Court House and Annex	$ 268,834.00
(b) County Infirmary, Jail & House of Correction	641,896.99
Furniture and Equipment:	
(a) Court House	25,290.00
(b) County Infirmary, Jail & House of Correction	199,252.42
(c) Sheriff's Department Equipment	11,877.98
Total Valuation	$1,147,151.39

REVENUE SHARING FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH 12-31-75	$ 418,247.28
Interest Received for the Year Ended 12-31-75	10,572.78

EXPENDITURES TO DECEMBER 31, 1975

Truck - County Home	$ 6,398.00	
Car-Supt. Jail & H. of C.	3,070.00	
Copier Machine	1,374.00	
Pick-up Trucks-County Home	5,325.00	
Heating System Improvements-Court House	8,021.80	
Washer & Dryer - County Home	8,000.00	
Addition to Court House	136,445.23	
Improvements Court House Annex	5,774.97	
Miscellaneous	200.60	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$174,609.60	
BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1975		$ 254,210.46

BELKNAP COUNTY
Proportionment of County Tax - 1975

$1,307,498.00

	Proportion of Tax Per $1,000	Amount of Tax 1975
Alton	$ 90.79	$ 118,707.74
Barnstead	60.69	79,352.05
Belmont	56.16	73,429.09
Center Harbor	39.94	52,221.47
Gilford	148.05	193,575.08
Gilmanton	49.54	64,773.45
Laconia	277.61	362,974.52
Meredith	147.29	192,581.38
New Hampton	29.37	38,401.22
Sanbornton	40.84	53,398.22
Tilton	59.72	78,083.78
	$1,000.00	$1,307,498.00
INCREASE IN TAX $		$ 263,174.00
INCREASE IN PERCENT		25 Percent

BELKNAP COUNTY GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF BUDGET OPERATIONS

December 31, 1975

Revenue	**Actual**	**Budget**
Taxes — City and Towns	$1,307,498.00	$1,307,498.00
Belknap County Home & Jail	656,864.00	596,019.00
Other	1,207,762.00	175,470.00
Total — All Receipts	$3,172,124.00	$2,078,987.00
Expenditures		
Total Expense — General Government	$ 50,248.00	$ 53,891.00
Total Expense — Bookkeeping	14,659.00	14,384.00
Total Expense — Court House	34,601.00	29,035.00
Total Expense — Superior Court	176,792.00	162,135.00
Total Expense — General Welfare	145,193.00	200,159.00
Total Expense — Register of Deed	56,890.00	59,223.00
Total Expense — Institutional Welfare		
County Home	779,428.00	780,267.00
Jail and House of Correction	183,210.00	199,760.00
Total Expense — Sheriff's Department	210,815.00	220,291.00
Total Expense — Budgeted Debt	80,507.00	106,400.00
Total Expense — Miscellaneous Budgets	1,031,573.00	221,735.00
Total — All Expenditures	$2,763,916.00	$2,047,280.00
Cash on Hand December 31, 1975	$237,862.51	

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

1975

COUNTY TAXES

Total County Taxes	$1,307,498.00
Belknap County Home and Hospital	656,864.00

REVENUE

Office Rents	$ 240.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,864.00
Clerk of Court - Fees	44,447.00
Register of Deeds - Fees	61,576.00
Sheriff - Fees	21,936.00
Mutual Fire Aid	21,319.00
Sheriffs Patrol - Gilmanton	18,150.00
Bond Issue	1,004,988.00
Interest Certificate of Deposit	22,811.00
Old Age Assistance	7,203.00
Direct Relief	964.00
Insurance Refunds	360.00
Grants - Cadets	1,904.00
Total - All Revenue	$1,207,762.00

PAYMENTS

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

Commissioners	$13,000.00
Treasurer	1,125.00
Auditors	400.00
Attorney	11,650.00
Medical Referees	2,493.00
Total Salaries	$28,668.00

EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

County Attorney - Office Expense	$ 5,592.00
Travel - Commissioners	1,340.00
Printing of Annual Report	1,020.00
All Other	321.00
New England Telephone - Service	859.00
New Hampshire Ass'n of Counties - Dues	150.00
Salaries & Wages Survey	2,650.00
County Attornies Secretary - Salary	6,415.00
Total Expenses - County Officers	$18,707.00

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Printing	$ 175.55
Supplies	1,410.00
Telephone	445.00
Postage	287.00
Filing Cabinet	299.00
All Other	97.45
Total Expenses - Register of Probate	$ 2,714.00
Total Expenses - General Government	$50,089.00

OFFICE EXPENSES

Accounting Service	$ 159.00
Supplies	3,131.00
Salary - Administrative Assistant	11,528.00
Total Expenses - Office	$ 14,818.00

COURT HOUSE EXPENSES

Workmen's Compensation & Fire	$ 4,080.00
Fuel Oil - Electricity	14,219.00
Waste Removal & Snow Plowing	2,170.00
Supplies & Repairs	2,442.00
Wages Custodians	11,690.00
Total Expenses - Court House	$ 34,601.00

SUPERIOR COURT EXPENSES

Jury Payrolls	$ 32,199.00
State vs Payrolls	6,588.00
Referees & Masters	11,723.00
Stenographers	28,708.00
Court Attendants	10,700.00
Books & Printings	3,525.00
Jury Meals	1,172.00
Telephone	1,476.00
Supplies, etc.	13,842.00
Clerk's Account for Salaries & Wages	66,855.00
Total Expenses - Superior Court	$176,792.00

GENERAL WELFARE

	Regular Relief	Soldiers Aid
Alton	$ 159.00	$ 1,225.00
Barnstead	0	0
Belmont	226.50	155.00
Center Harbor	0	0
Gilford	338.19	30.00
Gilmanton	290.00	5.00
Laconia	29,215.33	8,646.35
Meredith	265.50	828.15

New Hampton	160.00	0
Sanbornton	0	130.00
Tilton	1,540.48	596.50
	$32,195.00	$11,616.00
Total Direct Relief & Soldiers Aid		$ 43,811.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer - County Payments	$ 74,504.00

CARE OF CHILDREN

Individual Homes - County Payments	18,603.00

RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

Salaries, Administrator of Welfare	6,824.00
Supplies	801.00
Equipment (New Typewriter)	650.00
Total	$ 8,275.00
Total Expenses - General Welfare	$145,193.00

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Salaries - Register of Deeds & Deputies	$ 35,458.00
Xerox Rental & Supplies	4,498.00
Microfilming	105.00
General Supplies, Postage, etc.	16,829.00
Total Expenses - Register of Deeds	$ 56,890.00

INSTITUTIONAL WELFARE

Belknap County Home & Hospital	$198,200.00
Jail & House of Correction	125,200.00
Total Expenses - Institutional Welfare	$323,400.00

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Salaries - Sheriff & Deputies	$128,370.00
Gas & Oil	16,929.46
Insurance - Cruiser, Riot, Bonds	4,479.12
Telephone	4,147.08
Fees Paid Reg. of Deeds, Supplies & Repairs	2,341.75
New Cruisers	3,860.00
All Other	11,933.33
Communications	1,939.26
Total	$174,000.00

DISPATCH

Salaries & Wages	$ 36,689.00

CONTINGENCY - SUBJECT TO COURT APPROVAL

Travel expense to return prisoners	$ 126.00
Total Expense - Sheriff's Department	$210,815.00

BUDGETED DEBT

Interest — Temporary Loans	$ 22,563.00
Interest — Long Term Notes	8,400.00
Interest — Temporary Loans Against Bonds	5,384.00
Interest — Bond Issue	4,160.00
Principal — Term Notes	25,000.00
Principal — Bond Issue	15,000.00
Total Expense - Budgeted Debt	$ 80,507.00

MISCELLANEOUS BUDGETS

Extension Service	$ 48,085.00
Airport Authority	15,000.00
Delegation Expense	
Mileage & Attendance	6,224.00
Social Security - Blue Cross	
County Share	27,173.00
Retirement System	
County Share	4,887.00
Non - Payroll Items	
Soil Conservation Service	1,500.00
Lakes Region Mental Health Center	35,400.00
Lakes Region Fire Dispatch	79,100.00
Capital Outlay	814,204.00
Total Expense - Miscellaneous	$1,031,573.00
Total Expenditures	$2,196,844.00
Cash on Hand December 31, 1975	$ 237,862.51

REPORT OF COUNTY PHYSICIAN

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

We are now licensed for 84 patients instead of 80. We turned two solariums into nursing units. Still we have a lengthy waiting list.

Many of our patients did have the flu this winter, and our staff did admirably with many very sick people.

The nursing care continues to be excellent, and the cooperation with the staff excellent also.

Respectfully submitted by,

Perley A. Beach for
Dr. Mendon MacDonald

BELKNAP COUNTY HOME

Superintendent's Report

Honorable Board of Commissioners:

Please find my report for the Belknap County Nursing Home for 1975.

The Home has operated at full capacity with a waiting list. We applied for and were granted a license for four extra rooms so that the County Nursing Home now has 84 licensed beds. The extra rooms were solariums on the North Wing.

We had two certification inspections in 1975, one in January, and one in December. It is becoming more and more difficult to meet the requirements because of the extra paper work and the cost of things that have to be changed in this relatively new building.

We lost our Activities Director, Miss Nancy Parker, in November. Nancy went to Maine to be married. Mrs. Beulah Earl has filled in this winter. This department is very busy and we now have one full time C.O.T.A., one aide four days a week, and one aide three days a week. The Activities Department is so very important in our Home to help our patients to be productive.

I would like to thank the Commissioners for their cooperation. I would also like to thank the employees for their cooperation and the good care they give our patients. It is a pleasure to work with such fine people. Thanks also go to the volunteers who have helped throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Perley A. Beach
Superintendent

BELKNAP COUNTY HOME

STATEMENT OF BUDGET OPERATIONS

(Prepared under the generally accepted method of accounting on the accrual basis)

December 31, 1975

		Y-T-D Actual	Y-T-D Budget
0050	Total Patient Revenue	$609,306.57	$547,869.00
0060	Total Other Revenue	48,411.21	44,150.00
5032	Less: OAA-Medical Pool-County Share	(4,999.98)	
	Total Jail Revenue	4,145.50	4,000.00
	TOTAL NET INCOME	$656,863.30	$596,019.00
0090	Total Administrative Cost	$116,248.37	$122,045.00
0120	Total Dietary Costs	159,379.30	146,684.00
0100	Total Property & Related Expenses	76,431.03	75,200.00
0130	Total Nursing Care Costs	280,075.42	298,130.00
0160	Total Laundry & Linen Expense	47,755.18	49,838.00
0170	Total Housekeeping Expenses	41,818.68	37,276.00
0190	Total Physicians & Pharmacy	24,327.46	20,150.00
0171	Physical Therapy	2,365.53	1,374.00
0172	Recreational Therapy	12,474.58	12,670.00
0200	Total Special Items	18,553.70	16,900.00

0290	Total Jail & House of Correction	183,211.56	199,760.00
	TOTAL ALL COSTS	$962,640.81	$980,027.00
	LOSS-COMBINED	$305,777.51	$384,008.00
	COUNTY BUDGET FUNDS		
0230	County Home & Hospital	198,000.00	188,248.00
6040	Jail & House of Correction Funds	125,400.00	195,760.00
	TOTAL COUNTY BUDGET FUNDS	$323,400.00	$384,008.00
	NET INCOME	$ 17,622.49	-0-

COUNTY OF BELKNAP

COUNTY HOME AND HOSPITAL

BALANCE SHEET

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

Accrual System

December 31, 1975

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
Petty Cash	$ 200.00
Cash In Bank	44,791.82
Patient Receivables	68,747.11
Dietary Inventory	4,554.13
General Stores Inventory	3,545.42
Pharmacy Inventory	6,824.01
Total Current Assets	$128,662.49
FIXED ASSETS	
Land & Land Improvements	$ 1,500.00
Building & Building Improvements	640,396.99
Hospital Equipment	96,386.66
Kitchen Equipment	32,336.36
Laundry Equipment	35,367.06
Maintenance Equipment	6,380.90
Jail & H of C Equipment	28,781.44
Total Fixed Assets	$841,149.41
Total All Assets	$969,811.90

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable - Home	$ 27,318.11
Accounts Payable - Jail	2,022.64
Withheld FICA Taxes	8,874.37
Withheld Group Insurance	192.70

Accrued FICA Taxes	8,874.37
Withheld United Fund	
Total Current Liabilities	$ 46,896.79

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Plant Capital	841,149.41
Operating Capital	64,143.21
Net Income or (Loss)	17,622.49
Total Capital	$922,915.11
Total Liabilities and Capital	$969,811.90

County Welfare Report

The welfare department has had a busy year due to large unemployment. We have charted a graph in our office for the years 1974 and 1975 and the trend has been steadily downward and is looking brighter for 1976.

Serving on a committee to prepare guidelines for all local welfare administrators throughout the state has been a challenging task. As of March 17, 1976 we have finished the final draft and this will soon be given to all local welfare officials. A series of workshops will be held throughout the state to acquaint welfare administrators with these new guidelines and forms.

Through the Belknap County Welfare office a group was started to have household goods available in times of emergency. This has been named the Belknap County Household Goods Depot and will soon be operating at the Mechanic Street School. This has involved all welfare agencies in the community, as well as local churches and Community Action.

The following figures showing general relief distribution in the area towns may be of interest.

GENERAL RELIEF - 1975

District I		
Town	**Soldier**	**Direct**
Laconia	$ 9,468.88	$ 22,108.91
District II		
Center Harbor	0	0
New Hampton	0	160.00
Meredith	828.15	265.50
Tilton	596.50	1,540.48
Sanbornton	130.00	0
District III		
Alton	1,225.00	159.00
Barnstead	0	0
Belmont	155.00	226.50

Gilford	30.00	338.19
Gilmanton	5.00	290.00

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret P. Ball
Belknap County Welfare Director

BELKNAP HOUSE OF CORRECTION AND JAIL

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

The following report is submitted for the Belknap House of Correction and Jail. The total number of prisoners booked this year is 1210 including 91 females. The Institution hired two additional employees with Federal Funding until June 30, 1976. Mr. David Ambrose Rehabilitation Counselor has been very successful in utilizing resources from the community for rehabilitation purposes. At the present time we have regular weekly meetings with Alcoholics Anonymous. In addition we are receiving excellent support from State Vocational Rehabilitation.

The County employs two part time school teachers to work with inmates in Basic Adult Education, nine prisoners have been awarded a high school diploma this year. We feel this is an excellent result considering our first priority is to improve the educational level of inmates who have attained an education below the eighth grade level.

The problem of inadequate facilities and staff to handle female prisoners still prevails with a twenty percent increase in female population to compound the problem.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas N. Myatt
Superintendent

PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION

Prisoners in Jail January 1, 1976	9
Admitted during the year	1210
	1219
Prisoners in Jail December 31, 1975	9
Discharged during the year	1209
	1218
Prisoners in House of Correction, January 1, 1976	9
Admitted during the year	80
	89
Prisoners in House of Correction, December 31, 1975	11
Discharged during the year	78
	89

FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1975

	Weeks	Days
Prisoners in Jail	524	2
Prisoners in House of Correction	829	6

CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

I herewith submit my report of the Receipts and Disbursements of this office for the period of January 1, 1975, through December 31, 1975.

CHARGES AGAINST COUNTY

1.	Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire	$ 47,005.42
2.	Due County for fines & costs	5,222.08
	Total Charges	$ 52,227.50

CREDITS TO COUNTY

1.	Fines and costs	24,632.50
2.	Miscellaneous credits to County	229.63
	(a) Registration fees - Professional Bondsmen	300.00
	(b) Reimbursement - Cost of Transcript	1,398.33
	(c) Reimbursement - Other Counties Printing	253.00
	(d) Reimbursement - Master's fees	706.50
	(e) Reimbursement - Jury Meals	20.42
	(f) Reimbursement - Depositions	611.64
3.	Allowance for Clerk & Clerical Hire	24,075.48
	Total Credits	$ 52,227.50

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Tilton, Clerk

SHERIFF'S REPORT

As Sheriff of Belknap County, I submit my report for the year 1975. The following activities were investigated by the Sheriff's Department in the year 1975:

Abandoned Vehicles	4
Alarms	15
Animal Complaints	75
Arrests	349
Assault	1
Bad Checks	2
Burglary	86
Criminal Trespass	1
Drownings	1
Drunk	6
Escorts	1
Family Disturbances	20
Fires	5
Individual Assists	362
Larceny	27
Malicious Damage	22
Mental Case	3
Miscellaneous Complaints	44
Motor Vehicle Checkups	830
Motor Vehicle Complaints	18
Motor Vehicle DE Tags	199
Motor Vehicle Warnings	260
Motor Vehicle Summons Issued	166
Narcotic	18
Prowlers	6
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	8
Recovered Stolen Snowmobiles	2
Runaways or Missing Persons	4
Sick or Injured Persons	6
Snowmobile Complaints	5
Stolen Motor Vehicles	1
Suicides and Attempted Suicides	2
Suspicious Persons and Vehicles	14
Suspension	2
Transported Prisoners	216
Unattended Deaths	6
Weapons Violation	3
Hours of Court Attendance	390
House, Business & Camp Checks	22,378
Miles Logged on Cruisers	294,098
Value of Property Stolen	$12,878
Value of Property Recovered	$14,400
Hours of Patrol	13,768
Hours of Investigation	1,725

Hours of Reports	745
Telephone Calls Received	44,153
Radio Transmissions	138,416
Breathalyzer Receipts	$270
Department Assists	512

Forty-six cases relative to offenses commited by youths were referred to our juvenile officer during the Calendar year 1975. The following is a breakdown of the degree of utilization by the respective communities with the county for the year 1975:

Alton	2.10
Barnstead	2.10
Belmont	23.90
Center Harbor	--
Gilford	17.40
Laconia	4.30
Gilmanton	21.7
Meredith	8.7
New Hampton	6.8
Sanbornton	4.3
Tilton	8.7

CIVIL PROCESS

The following number of civil writs were served during the months listed below:

January, February and March	519
April, May and June	531
July, August and September	483
October, November and December	376
Total writs served	1,909
Total writ fees received	$20,978

In the year 1975 approximately fifty weeks was spent in the training of Deputies. This training consisted of rookie school, management school, fingerprint classification, and the F.B.I. National Academy.

Once again we were afforded the opportunity to participate in the Cadet Program sponsored by the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency. We were most fortunate in acquiring the services of two fine young men whose work habits can only be characterized as outstanding. During the ten week program, Roy Roberts of Belmont and Mark Pepler of Tilton were exposed to the administrative functions of the department, as well as the duties and responsibilities within the patrol unit. They

participated in the routine training programs in addition to firearms training.

As my first year as High Sheriff of Belknap County comes to a close, I wish to extend my appreciation to the entire personnel staff of the Belknap County Sheriff's Department and the Belknap County Commissioners and Delegation, who through their confidence and cooperation have made this year a rewarding one for me personally, and the entire department. The Belknap County Sheriffs Department is ever striving for the professionalism that the public is entitled to from law enforcement.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Alden
Sheriff

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

I hereby submit my report as Belknap County Attorney for 1975.

Criminal Matters

A total of 243 indictments were returned by the three Grand Juries and one Special Grand Jury convened in 1975 for the commission of the following felonies:

Burglary and Accomplice to Burglary	95
Attempted Burglary	4
Theft by Unauthorized Taking	18
Arson	2
Sale of a Controlled Drug	8
Rape	5
Receiving Stolen Property	6
Corruption of a Minor	2
Aggravated Assault	9
Issuing Bad Check	11
Robbery	4
Forgery	18
Offering for Sale	2
Possession of over One Pound	4
Transport with Intent to Sell	1
Possession of Stolen Property	3
Attempted Theft	2
Theft by Deception	5
False Pretense	5
Attempted Murder	1
Possession of Controlled Drug, Second Offense	6
Theft by Misapplication of Property	1
Criminal Liability for Conduct of Another	1
Habitual Offender	1
Conspiracy to Commit Arson	4
Giving a Controlled Drug	2
Theft of Services	5
Attempted Rape	2
Kidnapping	2
Deviate Sexual Relations	4
Manufacturing a Controlled Drug	1
Attempted Theft by Deception	1
Dispensing a Controlled Drug	1
Conspiracy	1
Attempted Theft by Unauthorized Taking	2
Removing Physical Evidence	1

Bail Jumping	1
Murder, Second Degree	1
Unlawful Operation of Motor Vehicle by Habitual Offender	1
	243

A total of 184 misdemeanor appeals from Municipal or District Courts were taken to the Superior Court.

This past year the office of the County Attorney became responsible for all welfare fraud prosecutions in the Laconia District Court brought by the Division of Welfare and the initiation of all habitual offender petitions in the Superior Court brought by the office of the Attorney General.

A number of miscellaneous matters were also handled, including committal or release proceedings involving persons with mental illness or suffering from retardation, extradition petitions brought before the Governor for consideration, petitions for support under the New Hampshire Uniform Civil Liability for Support Law brought before the Belknap County Superior Court, non-support complaints, petitions under the Uniform Act on Paternity and civil matters in which the County or the Belknap County Recreational Area Commission were parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Makris
Belknap County Attorney

REPORT OF CHAPLAINS

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

Father Bombardier from the Sacred Heart Church is our Catholic Chaplain. He makes frequent visits to the Home. Confessions are held once a month with Mass and Communion the following day. Our residents of the Catholic faith enjoy his visits, along with many who are not of his faith.

Mr. William Zeckhausen is our Protestant Chaplain. With the aid of the local ministry services are held each Sunday in our auditorium. Our residents look forward to these services and to the prayer sessions Rev. Zeckhausen makes possible.

Respectfully submitted

Perley A. Beach
Superintendent

THE BELKNAP-MERRIMACK MANPOWER CORPORATION IN 1975

During 1975, the Belknap-Merrimack Manpower Corporation, whose directors include the county commissioners in Belknap and Merrimack counties, served 406 Belknap County residents through its employment and training programs.

At the start of the year, BMMC administered the Public Employment Program under the Emergency Employment Act for its region, along with supervision of work experience programs for disadvantaged individuals. By year's end, BMMC was a major employer in the county, through its funding of six different programs.

BMMC's largest effort in the county was Public Service Employment, whereby eligible governmental units and non-profit corporations were funded to provide necessary jobs for which they were not budgeted. By year's end, public service employment under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act had provided 143 jobs.

Work Experience, a stepping-stone into more permanent employment or skill training, served 58 Belknap County residents. Of these, 24 were youths under 18 enrolled in the In-School program which provides part-time employment. Another 26 were assigned full-time jobs with non-profit or governmental agencies: 18 in Adult Work Experience, and 6 in Out-of School WEP. (The two categories differ only in that the former involves people over 21, and the latter, those out of school who are under 21.)

During 1975, the BMMC On-the-Job Training Program, which began on a small scale in November, started to show results in obtaining permanent employment for its trainees. By December, 21 Belknap County residents had been enrolled with five being absorbed into regular jobs. Another 20 were expected to complete training on completion of their assignments with participating employers in 1976.

Classroom training occupied another 20 residents who were engaged in studies with local schools or at the Manchester Training Center. These training programs increased employability of the participants.

Between March and July, BMMC discontinued its efforts under the old Public Employment Program, and concentrated on CETA employment projects. Of the 35 PEP enrollees served, 16 were absorbed as regular employees in the agencies where they worked, and 10 went on to other employment.

In terms of numbers, the largest and most concentrated effort involved the Summer Youth Employment Program. Under this, 143 Belknap County youngsters between 14 and 21 were employed at nine-week jobs, working 24 hours a week, in 43 different job sites. The number of participants was 20 more than the number of jobs, mainly because of turnover among 14-and 15-year-olds.

A total of 42 employers, other than those involved in the summer

program, participated in BMMC's year-long efforts.

While participants in public employment, on-the-job training, and work experience work directly for the agencies at which they are stationed, BMMC provides all payroll work. During the year, approximately $672,000 was put into the Belknap County economy through wages to participants and payments to cooperating employers or trainers who provided job skill training under contract with BMMC.

In August, 1975, Daniel J. Seibert, formerly Assistant for Program Evaluation, was named Executive Director, replacing Charles G. Tetro who resigned.

Non-denominational Chapel at Belknap County Home

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